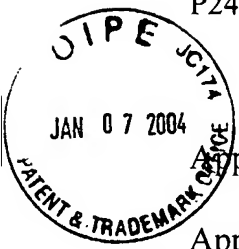


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Sir :

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,542,472 to ONUMA, issued April 1, 2003;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication 2002-368815 to MATSUSHITA GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INC., published December 20, 2002, and which is cited on page 1 of the specification; and

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0194282 to SAITO et al., published December 19, 2002, which claims priority of JP 2002-368815.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. A copy of each of the above-noted documents, as well as an English language abstract of the foreign language document, is attached, and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the

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appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No.10/696,029 to NOGUCHI et al., filed October 30, 2003 and entitled "Data Communication Apparatus and Data Communication Method";

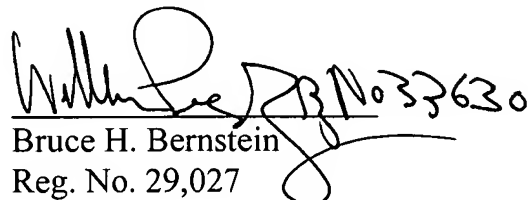
U.S. Patent Application No.10/292,529 to SAKAI et al., filed November 13, 2002, and entitled "Information Distribution System, Program Guide Server, and Distribution Data Selection Chart Server".

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted U.S. Patent applications, as filed, are attached hereto. However, the examiner is also requested to review the files of the above noted applications, and the references, if any, of record therein.

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